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Notice of Allowability

Application No. 09/305,892	Applicant(s) Dallmier et al.
Examiner Betsey Morrison Hoey	Group Art Unit 1724

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

- This communication is responsive to terminal disclaimer filed June 19, 2000
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 15-21 and 23 (renumbered as 1-8)
- The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- received.
- received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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- Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
- because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
- including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.
- including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
- including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

- Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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1. Claims 15-21 and 23 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 15 is allowed because the prior art of record fails to teach, disclose, or fairly suggest a method for laundering soiled garments using a bleaching agent comprising a stabilized aqueous alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite solution, wherein the solution is prepared by mixing an aqueous solution of alkali or alkaline earth metal hypochlorite with a water soluble bromide source to form an unstabilized alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite, and then adding a stabilizer and recovering stabilized aqueous alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite solution.

Claim 16 is allowed because the prior art of record fails to teach, disclose, or fairly suggest a method for manufacturing cellulosic materials by bleaching the cellulosic fibers with an oxidizing agent, wherein the oxidizing agent comprises a stabilized aqueous alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite solution, wherein the solution is prepared by mixing an aqueous solution of alkali or alkaline earth metal hypochlorite with a water soluble bromide source to form an unstabilized alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite, and then adding a stabilizer and recovering stabilized aqueous alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite solution.

Claim 17 is allowed because the prior art of record fails to teach, disclose, or fairly suggest a method for controlling microbiofouling in recreational water systems by adding an oxidizing agent comprising a stabilized aqueous alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite solution, wherein the solution is prepared by mixing an aqueous solution of alkali or alkaline earth

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metal hypochlorite with a water soluble bromide source to form an unstabilized alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite, and then adding a stabilizer and recovering stabilized aqueous alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite solution.

Claim 18 is allowed because the prior art of record fails to teach, disclose, or fairly suggest a method for controlling microbiofouling on equipment in contact with produced oil field waters using a stabilized aqueous alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite solution, wherein the solution is prepared by mixing an aqueous solution of alkali or alkaline earth metal hypochlorite with a water soluble bromide source to form an unstabilized alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite, and then adding a stabilizer and recovering stabilized aqueous alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite solution.

Claim 19 is allowed because the prior art of record fails to teach, disclose, or fairly suggest a method for controlling microbiofouling in aqueous systems using a stabilized aqueous alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite solution, wherein the solution is prepared by mixing an aqueous solution of alkali or alkaline earth metal hypochlorite with a water soluble bromide source to form an unstabilized alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite, and then adding a stabilizer and recovering stabilized aqueous alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite solution.

Claims 20, 21 and 23 are allowed because the prior art of record fails to teach, disclose, or fairly suggest a method for controlling microbiofouling on equipment in contact with industrial water systems using a stabilized hypobromite solution, wherein the solution is prepared by mixing an aqueous solution of alkali or alkaline earth metal hypochlorite with a water soluble bromide

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source to form an unstabilized alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite, and then adding a stabilizer and recovering stabilized aqueous alkali or alkaline earth metal hypobromite solution.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Betsey Hoey whose telephone number is (703) 305-3934. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM, and on alternate Fridays from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. David Simmons, can be reached at (703) 308-1972. The fax phone number for official after final faxes for this Group is (703)305-3599, for all other official faxes the number is (703)305-7718, and for unofficial faxes the number is (703) 305-3602.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0651.

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B. Morrison Hoey
June 29, 2000

DUANE SMITH
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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First Named Applicant	DALLMIER,	35 USC 154(b) term ext.	=	0 Days.

TITLE OF INVENTION PROCESS TO MANUFACTURE STABILIZED ALKALI OR ALKALINE EARTH METAL HYPOBROMITE AND USES THEREOF IN WATER TREATMENT TO CONTROL MICROBIAL FOULING

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